

# AGENDA

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 • 2:00 p.m. • Room C450 State Capitol

Approximate  
Time Frame

**2:00 1. Committee Business**

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting

**2:05 2. Ballot Coordination Between Local District and Municipal Elections**

*During the May meeting after a presentation and discussion about placing local district races on the same ballot as other elections, the Committee invited the county clerks to come up with a proposal that might allow a single ballot to be a reality. The clerks formed a special district elections committee and have been meeting to discuss the logistics, options, and steps that would be needed to achieve a single ballot. The findings and recommendations of that committee will be presented. What are their findings and recommendations? How should the Legislature respond to these issues?*

- Scott C. Hogensen, Association of County Clerks (Utah County)

**2:45 3. Online Voter Registration**

*A prospective voter may register to vote using a variety of methods designed to make the process convenient for voters. Each of these methods requires the completion of a voter registration form, an election clerk to check the form for completeness and to enter the data from the form into a computer. If allowed, an online voter registration process could add another method to register to vote, reduce the need to return incomplete forms to voters, and eliminate the need for the election clerks to reenter the data. Should the statute be amended to allow for online voter registration? How would the required voter signature be captured? What agency would administer the program? What are the costs? What other administrative issues must be addressed? How should the Legislature respond to these issues? Should draft legislation be prepared to address the issues presented?*

- Michael J. Cragun, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**3:15 4. State Property Acquisition Coordination**

*The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) acquires several hundred parcels of property each year -- much more than any other state entity. The Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) and other state agencies also occasionally acquire property for state projects. Reports have surfaced claiming that, at times, a seller will inflate the selling price after the seller becomes aware that the state is the potential buyer. In what ways can these agencies coordinate expertise to help ensure efficient and fair acquisitions? How can the state ensure that a fair amount (e.g. fair market value) is paid for each property acquisition? How can the state avoid having to pay inflated prices for property?*

- Lyle D. McMillan, UDOT
- Kent Dee Beers, DFCM

**3:40 5. Coordination of GRAMA and Open and Public Meetings -- Availability of Minutes of Open Meetings**

*The Open and Public Meetings Act requires the creation of certain records, including written minutes and recordings of meetings. The disclosure of these records is regulated under the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). How soon after a meeting should a citizen be able to get a copy of these records? These issues have been raised recently in the Legislature. Balancing the need for timely release of minutes with a public body's ability to finalize them remains an issue. What do current statutory provisions say? How have these been interpreted? How should the Legislature respond to these issues?*

**4:20 6. Other Items / Adjourn**